

R E M A R K S

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIMS

Independent claims 11, 15 and 19 have been amended to positively recite the components of the medical image radiographing system, and independent claims 15, 31 and 37 have been amended to recite a radiographing apparatus.

In addition, independent claims 1, 6, 11, 15, 19, 20, 25, 31, 37, 44 and 46 have been amended to clarify that the medical image of the patient is radiographed using a cassette, and to clarify that the control apparatus controls an operation of obtaining the medical image from the cassette.

Independent claims 1, 6, 11, 15, 19, 20, 25, 31 and 37, moreover, have also been amended to recite obtaining identification information of the cassette at the portable terminal and correlating the obtained identification of the cassette with the radiographing order information at the portable terminal.

Still further, claim 19 has been amended to better comply with the requirements of 35 USC 101, and the claims have also been amended to make some minor grammatical improvements and to correct some minor antecedent basis problems so as to put them in

better form for issuance in a U.S. patent. In particular, it is noted that the informalities in claims 12-14 pointed out by the Examiner have been corrected.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered and that the rejection of claim 19 under 35 USC 101 be withdrawn.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 1-46 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of USP 6,954,767 ("Kanada"), USP 6,678,703 ("Rothschild et al") and USP 5,051,849 ("Fukushima et al"). This rejection, however, is respectfully traversed with respect to the claims set forth hereinabove.

According to the claimed present invention, the radiographing order information is obtained by the control apparatus, is stored in the control apparatus, and is transmitted to the portable terminal. The transmitted radiographing order information is stored in the portable terminal and is displayed. Based on the displayed radiographing order information, radiography is performed.

By contrast, it is respectfully submitted that Kanada relates to a medical image searching apparatus which searches for a desired image from a database in accordance with the search

request of the image display terminal and which transmits the search result to the image display terminal. Rothschild et al, moreover, merely relates to a system for transmitting a medical image.

That is, it is respectfully submitted that according to Kanada and Rothschild et al, the radiographed image is transmitted to a terminal. However, according to the claimed present invention, the radiographing order information is transmitted and the radiography is performed based on radiographing order information.

Fukushima et al, moreover, has merely been cited for the disclosure of displaying a warning (see page 7 of the Office Action), and also does not disclose, teach or suggest the features of the present invention as recited amended independent claims 1, 6, 11, 15, 19, 20, 25, 31, 37, 44 or 46.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claimed present invention clearly patentably distinguishes over Kanada, Rothschild et al and Fukushima et al, taken singly or in any combination, under 35 USC 103.

* * * * *

Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

/Douglas Holtz/

Douglas Holtz
Reg. No. 33,902

Frishauf, Holtz, Goodman & Chick, P.C.
220 Fifth Avenue - 16th Floor
New York, NY 10001-7708
Tel. No. (212) 319-4900
DH:djh/iv
encs.